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TITLE OF INVENTION: WELDRING WITH LOCKING ARRANGEMENT FOR VALVE ASSEMBLY<sup>1</sup>

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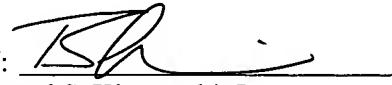
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